# **Spring Mill State Park**

### All programs are free unless otherwise noted.

Programs at all our state parks and reservoirs: www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/12066.htm

#### **Nature Center**

Closed for the Season Offices moved to the Spring Mill Inn

### **Virgil I. Grissom Memorial**

Closed for Renovations

### **Pioneer Village**

Closed for the Season,

## **Twin Caves Boat Tours**

Closed for the Season

#### **Mountain Bike Rental**

Closed for the Season

#### **Campground Hayrides**

Closed for the Season

#### **Hoosier Quest Series**

Ask a park interpreter how you can earn patches, bandannas, and other items during your visit!

### Please arrive on time for scheduled programs. Spring Mill State Park follows Eastern Daylight Time.

#### Public programs are designed for individuals and families.

If you will be bringing an organized group, contact the Nature Center in advance for a copy of our program catalogue and schedule a private program just for your group. (812) 849-4129

#### Get advance notice of special events and programs!

Sign up for our email list at the Nature Center, Pioneer Village Grist Mill, Spring Mill Inn, or email springmillstatepark-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

#### HP-HP Healthy Parks – Healthy People

Get "INShape" with us, and discover what it takes to keep a state park healthy.



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# Sunday, March 1

1:30pm



Spring Mill Village: Rise and Fall – Explore the history of Spring Mill Village, from its beginnings in 1814 to its last gasp in the 1890s, on this guided walk. Meet next to the Weaver's Shop in the Pioneer Village (1 hr).

March 2009

## Saturday, March 7

11:30am



Hoosier Quest: Discover, Connect, Explore! - Come and discover an exciting program for individuals and families visiting Indiana state parks and reservoirs - Hoosier Quest! Learn how you can earn patches, bandannas, and medallions... and collect 35 unique pins – one for each park and reservoir! Already started the Quest? This is your opportunity to complete one or more of the requirements! Spring Mill Inn, Elm Room.

2:30pm



Who Went Where? - Become a nature detective by unraveling the clues that wildlife left behind. We'll finish up by making a guide to animal tracks. Meet in the Elm Room of the Spring Mill Inn (45 min).

### Sunday, March 8

1p-2p

**Snake Time!** – Drop by to meet a corn snake (also known as a red rat snake) up-close and learn more about it. Spring Mill Inn, Game Room.

### Friday, March 13

### 2009 Nature Poetry Contest CLOSES Today! Winners will be announced on May 2.

### Saturday, March 14

11:30am



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1:30pm





Explore the enormous contributions that the CCC made to Spring Mill State Park and learn why the program was so popular during the Great Depression. Is it time to consider a new CCC for the 21<sup>st</sup> century?

The program is free, but pre-registration is required to the Nature Center (812-849-4129) by *March 11.* Spring Mill Inn, Elm Room (1 hr).

Sunday, March 15

2:00pm

A Tale of Two Ruins – Explore the ruins of the Lynn Mill and Shawnee Cottage and learn about their history. Meet at Donaldson parking lot, next to the restroom (45 min).

### Saturday, March 21

11:30am



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3:00pm



Beaver Builders – Join us on a hike to a beaver dam and learn a bit about the life of a beaver along the way. Meet in front of the Spring Mill Inn (45 min).

Sunday, March 22

1:30pm

Wake Up, Snakes! - Spring is officially here (whether the temperature feels like it or not!) and the snakes are starting to emerge from hibernation. Meet a couple snakes up-close while learning about common snakes in this area and how to tell if a snake if venomous. Spring Mill Inn, Elm Room (45 min).

Thursday, March 26



2:00pm Hearth Cooking Workshop – Learn the basics of cooking over and on a hearth as you cook and bake pioneer-era recipes; then enjoy the food you prepared during a group dinner. Participants will also take home a book of recipes and hearth cooking tips. Pioneer Village, Upper Residence (4 hr).

> Cost is \$15/person; limited to 10 people. Pre-registration required to the Park Office (812-849-4129) by no later than 4pm on Sunday, March 22.

### Saturday, March 28

11:30am



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2:30pm



**Peeking thru the Ground** – It's true – the spring wildflowers are already poking their heads up (some of them started in early January!)... we'll see which ones we can turn up in the Donaldson Woods Nature Preserve. Meet at Twin Caves parking lot (45 min).

Sunday, March 29

1:30pm



In Like a Lion Out Like a Lamb – Is there any truth to this old saying? We'll pick it apart to see what gentle and fierce mean in terms of weather, discover if the weather this March has backed up the saying, and finish up by making a cute lamb craft. Spring Mill Inn, Elm Room (45 min).

Everything is blooming most recklessly; if it were voices instead of colors, there would be an unbelievable shrieking into the heart of the night.

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# Mark Your Calendar!

April 9

Full Moon Hike

April 12

Easter Egg Hunt

April 25

Invasive Species Volunteer Strike Force

May 23-24

On the Homefront

June

Limestone Month

June 6

Heirloom Plant and Seed Exchange

June 11

Wild Edibles Spring Workshop

June 20-21

Archaeology Weekend

June 25

Handmade Paper Workshop

